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# Office Action Summary

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## Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Oct. 24, 2001, Feb. 7, 2002
- ☐ This action is FINAL.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) 0 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-11, 14-21, 24-26, 28, 30-41 is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 5, 12-13, 22-23, 27, 29 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement

## Application Papers

- ☒ The proposed drawing correction, filed on 10/24/01 is ☒ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachment(s)

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 2
- ☐ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Office Action Summary

1. Claims 5, 12, 13, 22, 23, 27 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 5 is indefinite since it recites what <sup>the</sup> electrolyte is not instead of what it includes. The claim should be recited in positive form. Also the expression, "preselected" renders the claims indefinite since it is not clear what such may include. Clarification of the above is requested. The expression could be cancel to clarification the claims.

2. Claims 1-4, 6-11, 14-21, 24-26, 28 and 30-41 appear to be in condition for allowance.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to William Powell at telephone number (703) 308-1975.

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